News from TWYB

Winter is in full gear now and we have a couple more months to go with the cold weather. Here at TWYB we have a couple classes coming up to get you out of the house and learning about early childhood literacy.

Check out the newsletter for fun activities, crafts, and research to keep you busy during these winter months.

Book ideas!
Research
Bringing Books to Life

Reading stories is key to developing literacy and new research by psychologists at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, suggest that engaging children with lively, enthusiastic recitations that bring characters to life, and posing open-ended questions will increase comprehension, vocabulary, and interest.

To help with this, book selection is key. Look for books with words and concepts that children can connect to their lives and that can be discussed. Look for “print-rich” details to draw children’s eyes to words and letters on the page.

Source: http://www.apa.org/monitor/2012/10/books.aspx

Kids’ Corner

Cherry Blossom Trees

Supplies:
- Construction Paper/Craft Paper/Canvas
- Kid Friendly Paint
- Empty Soda Bottle
- Paint brushes
- Paint Tray/Paper Plate/Wax Paper

With just a few supplies you can have your home in full bloom of cherry blossoms with this simple kid friendly craft.

5 Green Dragons

A great fingerplay or movement rhyme.

Five green dragons making such a roar. One danced away and then there were four.

Four green dragons dancing around a tree. One danced away and then there were three.

Three green dragons dancing around you. One danced away and then there were two.

Two green dragons dancing under the sun. One danced away and then there was one.

One green dragon having lots of fun. It danced away and now there are none.

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